

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU03/00818

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : G06F 17/60, 19/00, G06F 157:00		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) WPAT, USPTO Web Patent Database, Esp@cenet, internet "accounting, software, tax etc."		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GST Transitional Assistant Workbook for MYOB Accounting v10 (MYOB Australia Pty Ltd) 9 November 2001 (www.myob.com.au in web.archive.org). Page 16, 43, 44 and 53 for example.	1,2,5-9,13,14,23
Y	In view of MYOB & GST Seminar Notes for example.	3,4
Y	In view of WO 01/16850 or Cashbook Complete manual for example.	11,12
X	MYOB & GST Seminar Notes v3 for MYOB Accounting v10 (MYOB Australia Pty Ltd) 3 February 2002 (www.myob.com.au in web.archive.org). Pages 16 and 17 for example.	3,4
Y	Pages 10, 31, 54 in view of GST Transitional Assistant Workbook and Cashbook Complete manual etc.	1,2,5-9,11-14,23
Y	Cashbook Complete Manual (Acclaim Software Ltd) 3 June 2002 (www.acclaimsoftware.com in web.archive.org) Chapters 1 and 2 (part 2.6 for example) of the manual.	11,12
Y	WO 01/16850 A (ANDERSEN CONSULTING, LLP) 8 March 2001 — Page 1 lines 16 to 17 and page 1 line 31 to page 2 line 3 for example.	11
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex		
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

The feature common to all of the independent claims (both claims 1 and 3) is an accounting system that includes transaction entry means for entering transaction records. However this common feature is generic in the art. Consequently the common feature does not constitute "a special technical feature" within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, since it makes no contribution over the prior art. Since there exists no other common features which can be considered as a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, no technical relationship within the meaning of PCT Rule 13 between the different inventions can be seen. Consequently it appears that a posteriori, the claims do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

However since both of the inventions share the same classification under the IPC they could be searched together without effort which would warrant an additional fee. Therefore both the inventions have been searched without extra charge.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member	
WO	01/16850	AU	71118/00
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